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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/718,797	YAMADA ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date *See office action.*

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### Information Disclosure Statement

1. Information Disclosure Statement filed on 11-24-2003 is acknowledged by the examiner; A copy of a signed PTO-1449 attached with this office action.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peled et al. (U.S. Patent 4,725,784).

Regarding claim 5:

Peled discloses a calculation apparatus for calculating effective power relating to a capacitor, comprising a calculator, wherein the calculator stores data on a plurality of capacitors including capacitances and dielectric tangents thereof which are determined based on a voltage characteristic (abstract), a frequency characteristic (Col. 6-7, Lines 65-8), and a temperature characteristic of the capacitors (Col. 1, Lines 40-59), and data on a first effective power for each of a plurality of equilibrium temperatures of the capacitors, when a predetermined capacitance required for an electric circuit using one of the capacitors and the waveform of a periodic voltage applied to both ends of the capacitor are input

(Col. 1-2, Lines 60-16), a second effective power at each of a plurality of provisional temperatures is calculated from the input waveform of the periodic voltage (Col. 2, Lines 3-33); the calculator determines a predetermined temperature at which the first effective power is approximately equal to the second effective power as a target equilibrium temperature of the capacitor (Col. 2, Lines 3-32), the calculator determines the first effective power and the second effective power corresponding to the target equilibrium temperature as a target effective power corresponding to the periodic voltage (fig. 4), and the calculator compares a stored allowable power of the capacitor with the target effective power corresponding to the periodic voltage in order to determine whether or not the capacitor is available (fig. 2, 3, 7).

Regarding claim 6:

Peled discloses a recording medium storing a program for calculating effective power relating to a capacitor by using a computer, wherein the program stores data on a plurality of capacitors including capacitances and dielectric tangents thereof which are determined based on a voltage characteristic (abstract), a frequency characteristic (Col. 6-7, Lines 65-8), and a temperature characteristic of the capacitors (Col. 1, Lines 4-59), and data on a first effective power for each of a plurality of equilibrium temperatures of the capacitors (fig. 4), wherein when a predetermined capacitance required for an electric circuit using one of the capacitors and the waveform of a periodic voltage applied to both ends of the

capacitor are input (Col. 1-2, Lines 60-17), the program calculates a second effective power at each of a plurality of provisional temperatures from the input waveform of the periodic voltage (Col. 1-2, Lines 40-17, fig. 4, 2, 3), wherein the program determines a predetermined temperature at which the first effective power is approximately equal to the second effective power as a target equilibrium temperature of the capacitor (fig. 4), wherein the program determines the first effective power and the second effective power corresponding to the target equilibrium temperature as a target effective power corresponding to the periodic voltage (fig. 4), wherein the program compares a stored allowable power of the capacitor with the target effective power corresponding to the periodic voltage in order to determine whether or not the capacitor is available (fig. 2, 3, 7).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

***Reasons for Allowance***

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1 and 4 contain allowable subject matter. None of the prior art of record shows or fairly suggests the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 4:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1 and 4 are the inclusion of the method steps of calculating effective power relating to a capacitor including

$$P_e = \frac{\tan \delta}{1 + (\tan \delta)^2} \cdot \pi f C b^2$$

Pe : effective power  
 $\tan \delta$  : dielectric tangent  
C : capacitance  
f : frequency  
b : sine-wave amplitude

It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

Claims 2-3 are allowed due to their dependency on claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 571-272-2274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

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John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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